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SUBJECT: INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE

REF: USNAHALO/PARIS FRANCE MESSAGE DTG 042230Z DEC 75.

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1. OBVIOUSLY, THIS MISSION IS NOT COMPETENT TO ADDRESS

THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATED QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL.  
HOWEVER, WE CANNOT LEAVE UNCHALLENGED THE CHARACTERIZATIONS  
ABOUT THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH THE AUTHOR  
HAS INCLUDED IN THE MESSAGE. THESE ARE AT BEST MIS-  
LEADING, AND AT WORST COULD BE DAMAGING TO US INTERESTS  
WERE THE NATURE OF THESE CHARACTERIZATIONS TO PASS  
EVEN ACCIDENTIALLY INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

2. THE OBJECTIONABLE PORTION OF REFTEL READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. EVEN FROM A LAYMAN'S VIEW, ITALY CLEARLY HAS,  
OR IS UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. ONE COULD READILY  
CONCLUDE BY A VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY THAT IT IS ONLY  
A MATTER OF TIME (UNLESS SOME DRASTIC CHANGES ARE MADE)  
UNTIL IT IS UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. END QUOTE. WHILE  
THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION IS ADMITTEDLY A CAUSE  
FOR CONCERN FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND  
THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, THE REALITIES OF THE CURRENT  
SITUATION CLEARLY DO NOT SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION THAT  
ITALY IS UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE  
THAT IMPRECISE POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF THIS TYPE RECEIVED  
SUCH WIDE DISSEMINATION.VOLPE

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